Council-Manager Memo #84 Friday, November 8, 2013



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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Nov. 8)	Tues (Nov. 9)	Wed (Nov. 10)	Thurs (Nov. 11)	Fri (Nov. 12)
12:00 PM				
Governmental Affairs				
Committee,				
Room 280				
3:30 PM		2013 NLC	Congress of Cities Expo	osition
Housing & Neighborhood			Seattle, WA	
Development Committee,				
Room 280				
5:00 PM				
Council Business Meeting,				
Room 267				

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, November 11

12:00 pm Governmental Affairs Committee, Room 280

AGENDA: Federal legislative update; Proposed 2014 Federal Legislative Agenda;

State legislative update

3:30 pm Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee, Room 280

AGENDA: Nuisance business properties; Housing support (funding requests)

5:00 pm Council Business Meeting, Room 267

Wednesday, November 10 - Friday, November 12

NLC Congress of Cities Exposition, Seattle WA

ATTACHED: November and December calendars

AGENDA NOTES:

Agenda Item #14 – City Attorney Compensation

Staff Resource: Cheryl Brown, Human Resources, 704-336-5703, clbrown@charlottenc.gov

ATTACHED: Revised Agenda Item #14 for Monday night's Business Meeting agenda

The revision includes a closed session motion to discuss the City Attorney's 2013 compensation.

Agenda Item #30 B, F-H – Property Transactions (Beatties Ford Road Widening Phase 4)

Staff Resources: Johana Quinn, CDOT, 704-336-5606, <u>iquinn@charlottenc.qov</u> Julie Millea, E&PM, 704-336-3104, <u>imillea@charlottenc.qov</u>
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On November 11, Council will be asked to approve all remaining parcel acquisitions and condemnations for the Beatties Ford Road Widening Project, including the King Funeral Home at 4000 Beatties Ford Road.

The Beatties Ford Road Widening Project, identified in the FY2009-2013 Capital Investment Plan, widens Beatties Ford Road from Capps Hill Mine Road to Pauline Lane (1.5 miles) from two lanes to four lanes with left turning lanes, planted medians, bicycle lanes, sidewalk and planting strips. The improvements are designed to increase the safety and capacity of this stretch of Beatties Ford Road. The total project cost is estimated to be \$14,115,000.

Council has heard objections to the Beatties Ford Road Widening Project from business interests along the corridor through Council appearances, emails, and other means. One

property owner in the area, Mr. Paul Holmes, has spoken to Council requesting the proposed landscaped median, between Capps Hill Mine Road and Slater Road (including the median at the King Funeral Home), be replaced with a painted median (five-lane roadway), so that his business clients have left turn access into and out of his driveway (full access).

Project team members met with Mr. Holmes on August 8 to develop a solution that would allow Mr. Holmes full access to his property. The team and Mr. Holmes have agreed to realign the driveway on the north end of his property to the intersection of Beatties Ford Road and Capps Hill Mine Road. The realigned driveway directly across from Capps Hill Mine Road allows full access to Mr. Holmes' property. His south driveway will remain as it currently exists. Mr. Holmes was pleased with the new alignment and notified Council that he was satisfied at the September 23 Council Meeting. On November 6, Mr. Holmes signed the Real Estate agreement for these improvements.

Also, due to the nature of the land use by the King Funeral Home, staff has modified a median opening for use by funeral processions.

The realignment of Mr. Holmes' driveway and the median opening at the funeral home for processions provides full access for both businesses in the block between Capps Hill Mine Road and Slater Road. Even with these adjustments, both Mr. Holmes and Ms. King would prefer a median not be built in front of their property.

On September 23, 2013, Council approved a contract for clearing and grading in order to begin utility relocation in advance of general road construction. General Construction work will begin after utility relocation work. The requested action on November 11, will allow staff to move forward on the remaining property acquisitions including the King Funeral Home.

INFORMATION:

Airport Intermodal Opportunity

Staff Resources: Jack Christine, Airport, 704-359-4932, <u>ilchristine@cltairport.com</u> Ron Kimble, City Manager's Office, 704-336-4169, <u>rkimble@charlottenc.gov</u>

<u>Attached</u> is an outline of a new initiative staff has launched to proactively plan the future of the area surrounding the Airport Intermodal Facility that is scheduled to begin operations in January 2014. The economic impact of this new asset is huge, and making sure that jobs and quality sustainable development happen quickly but appropriately is a high priority for the City.

This area was identified in the recently adopted Capital Investment Plan as an area ripe for job growth and tax base expansion, and \$43 million of new and expanded transportation investments are targeted for this area together with millions more in water and sewer improvements. Staff has already engaged the private sector landowners and development prospects that have shown interest in the areas. A collaborative effort with the City's public

and private partners and stakeholders is needed to assure this area's success and staff are now organizing to capitalize on this opportunity. Additionally, the Aviation Department has begun recruitment for an economic development manager position that will be dedicated to achieving the economic impact and job creation goals related to this game changing Intermodal Facility.

ATTACHED: Airport intermodal opportunity

<u>November 19-20 – 2013 North Carolina Entrepreneurship Summit</u>

Staff Resource: Natasha Warren, N&BS, 704-336-3980, nwarren@charlottenc.gov

Mayor and Council members are invited to attend the North Carolina Entrepreneurship Summit at the Charlotte Convention Center on November 19-20, 2013. The event attracts over 300 entrepreneurs, business service providers, and community leaders for the purposes of discussing ways to advance entrepreneurism state-wide. In addition to a showcase of Charlotte-based entrepreneurs, the event includes workshops, a resource fair, expert speakers, and networking opportunities. For additional information, visit www.ncentresummit.org. If Council members would like to attend, please RSVP to Natasha Warren by Friday, November 15.